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Committee
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Response Due Date:
November 24, 2008

Identification Number: C00108613

Reference: April Monthly Report (3/01/08 – 3/31/08)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 5 items:

1. Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses receipts identified as "UNITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS." Please be advised that federal regulations require the itemization of all contributions from individuals/persons that aggregate greater than \$200 in the calendar year. Contributions from individuals/persons that aggregate \$200 or less need only be disclosed on Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page.

Please clarify whether the receipts disclosed on Schedule A includes any contributions that aggregate greater than \$200 from an individual/person in the calendar year. If this is the case, please amend your report by itemizing the contributions from each individual/person on Schedule A. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(2)

2. Schedule A supporting Line(s) 11(c), 15, and 17 of your report discloses a receipt(s) from "A Lot of People for Dave Obey," "Boren for Congress," "Rangel for Congress," "Rush Holt for Congress," "Stephanie Tubbs Jones for US congress," "Steve Israel for Congress Committee," "Carolene Mays for Congress," "Myers for Congress 2008 Committee," "Andre Carson for Congress," "Donnelly for Congress Committee," "Ellsworth for Congress Committee," "Evan Bayh Committee," "Hoosiers for Hill," and

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"Montagano for Congress" which requires further clarification. For example, if this activity represents a transfer of funds, please indicate "transfer" on Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) of your report. If this activity represents a reimbursement for services provided to this committee, please indicate this on Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report. Please amend your report to clarify the type of activity this receipt(s) represents.

3. On Schedule H2, you disclose the ratio for "Conradopen" to be "New;" however, your Amended September Monthly Report (8/1/07 - 8/31/07), received 4/04/08 disclosed this ratio as "New." You also disclose the ratio for "HolidayBall" to be "New;" however, your Amended February Monthly Report (1/01/08 - 1/31/08), received 8/04/08 disclosed this ratio as "New." Please clarify the nature of these discrepancies. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17

4. Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "401K," "Health Insurance," "Payroll," and "Payroll Taxes." Please be advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(2), salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25% of their compensated time in a given month on Federal election activity (FEA) or activities in connection with a Federal election must not be allocated between or among federal and non-federal accounts. Rather, only federal funds may be used. Further, the Commission concluded in Advisory Opinion 2003-11 that amounts spent for employee-specific "fringe benefits," consisting of health insurance, disability insurance, life insurance, retirement benefits and payroll taxes, fall into the category of compensated time.

Please clarify whether this activity is for employees who spent 25% or less of their time during the month(s) referenced above on FEA or activities in connection with a Federal election. If this is not the case, any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for this payment is not permissible and must be returned. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding any improper allocation activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

5. Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Telecommunications." Please be advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(1), expenditures for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any such candidate for Federal office must not be allocated between or among federal and non-federal accounts. Only federal funds may be used.

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Further, expenditures and disbursements for public communications that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s). However, public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, but do not meet the conditions of exempt activity, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate, rather than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please amend your report to properly disclose this activity or provide clarifying information.

If this activity was categorized incorrectly, the Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the funds received by your federal account for this activity back to the non-federal account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1394.

Sincerely,



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